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Docket No.: 60704-1870
PATENT
3/13/02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)
Russell Bell) Group Art Unit: 2152
Serial No.: 09/357,720) Examiner: Vu, Thong H.
Filed: July 21, 1999)
For: System and Method for)
Communicating in a Point-to-)
Multipoint DSL Network)

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FIRST RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Office Action mailed **January 29, 2002** (Paper No. 2) has been carefully considered.

In response thereto, please consider the following remarks.

In the Specification

Please substitute the following clean-text paragraph for the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 18.